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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9548

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 03421

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: OTRA, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: OCEAN TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIALS FOR SFM PER-
MANENT CAMP

REF: STATE 52832 (NOTAL)

1. PARA 10 OF REFTEL REQUESTED EMBASSY LONDON'S VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING HMG ASSISTANCE IN SECURING WAIVER FROM ARAB LEAGUE FOR BRITISH SHIP TO LAND CONCRETE FOR SFM IN ASHDOD. WE INFORMALLY SOUNDED OUT FCO DESK OFFICER, WHO, AFTER CHECKING AROUND FCO, REPLIED LATTER WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP BUT DOUBTED THAT BRITISH ASSISTANCE WOULD DO MUCH GOOD. FCO OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICE IS LOCATED IN DAMASCUS AND IN MANY WAYS IS DE FACTO CONTROLLED BY SYRIA WHICH OPPOSES SINAI II AGREEMENT.

2. WE ARE READY TO APPROACH FCO FORMALLY ON THIS REQUEST IF SO INSTRUCTED. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN EMBASSY CAIRO'S REACTION. MEANWHILE WE SUGGEST THAT REFTEL BE REPEATED TO EMBASSY DAMASAU FOR LATTER'S COMMENT.

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